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WASHINGTON, June 15, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 10 totaled 345,764, down 0.5 percent from the comparable week of 1988, but 8.7 percent above the preceding holiday week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 0.5 percent in the East, but down 1.8 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal was up 12,380 cars (10.5 percent). Grain loadings were down 5,621 cars (17.1 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 23 weeks of 1989 totaled 7,746,639, up 0.6 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 110,748 trailers and/or containers for the week ended June 10, down 0.6 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 23 weeks of 1989 was 2,566,152 trailers and/or containers, up 1.0 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended June 10 totaled 19.6 billion, 0.5 percent above the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 23 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 445.3 billion ton-miles, up 1.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

**Because of changes in reporting, 1989 figures are not comparable to previous years, except for 1988, which has been restated for purposes of comparison with 1989.*

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 10, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JUNE 10, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	27,196	32,817	-17.1 %	24,207	12.3 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,064	2,390	-13.6	1,935	6.7
Metallic Ores	21,710	22,339	-2.8	23,903	-9.2
Coal	130,440	118,060	10.5	118,888	9.7
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,014	18,637	-8.7	14,842	14.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,576	10,428	1.4	9,120	16.0
Grain Mill Products	10,126	10,509	-3.6	8,479	19.4
Food & Kindred Products	8,684	8,764	-.9	7,805	11.3
Primary Forest Products	9,420	9,879	-4.6	8,271	13.9
Lumber & Wood Products	6,688	7,598	-12.0	6,133	9.0
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,056	10,892	-7.7	10,826	-7.1
Chemicals	25,788	25,700	.3	23,839	8.2
Petroleum Products	5,084	5,110	-.5	4,720	7.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,744	11,049	-2.8	9,649	11.3
Coke	5,278	5,795	-8.9	5,535	-4.6
Metals & Products	9,322	10,131	-8.0	9,271	.6
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	20,167	21,300	-5.3	16,709	20.7
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,837	9,291	-4.9	7,542	17.2
All Other Carloads	6,570	6,952	-5.5	6,318	4.0
Total	**345,764**	**347,641**	**-.5 %**	**317,992**	**8.7 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JUNE 10, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 23 WEEKS ENDING JUNE 10, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**345,764**	**347,641**	**-.5 %**	**7,746,639**	**7,699,863**	**.6 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	65,120	67,222	-3.1	1,495,193	1,539,980	-2.9
Containers	45,628	44,240	3.1	1,070,959	999,970	7.1
Total	**110,748**	**111,462**	**-.6**	**2,566,152**	**2,539,950**	**1.0**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**19.6**	**19.5**	**.5 %**	**445.3**	**439.9**	**1.2 %**

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